

The Montgomery County Youth Advisory Committee (YAC)

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I consider participating in YAC?

Teens experience many positive opportunities through participation in YAC:

- ❖ Advise the County Executive and County Council on policy matters impacting youth.
- ❖ **Earn Student Service Learning Credits** while supporting Montgomery County Department of Recreation's safe, fun teen events.
- ❖ Develop valuable leadership skills while meeting new friends from across the county.
- ❖ Promote positive choices, leadership development and community service to your peers.
- ❖ Make a difference in your community!

Am I eligible to participate in YAC?

Eligible applicants:

- ❖ Are between ages of 13 and 20.
- ❖ Live in or attend school in Montgomery County.
- ❖ May attend public or independent schools.

What do YAC members *do*?

YAC members meet to discuss teen issues and solutions. YAC members will represent their peers in one of the five regional districts: Bethesda/Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, East County, Mid-County and Upper County. Most meetings will occur in members' respective Regional Service Centers. They will plan and perform service projects in the community and assist in planning regional and countywide teen events such as the East County Youth Café and the YAC Teen Forum. Members provide valuable insight and feedback to decision makers (e.g. the County Executive, County Council and Department of Recreation) and design marketing materials for teen events.

How often and where will YAC meet?

- ❖ YAC meetings will occur at the Regional Service Center on a monthly basis. Service projects, special events and countywide meetings will take place during the term at various locations throughout the county.

How do I apply for YAC?

Please download an application from the Teen Programs page at www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rec or call 240.777.6870 to request to have an application mailed or emailed to you. **Applications are due by close of business on Friday, August 19, 2011.**